GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:330
ANSWERED ON:14.08.2001
REPORT OF EXPENDITURE REFORMS COMMISSION
GADDE RAMAMOHAN;HARIBHAU MAHALE

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Expenditure Reforms Commission has submitted its Sixth report to the Government on restructuring of the Ministry of Steel;

(b) if so, the main recommendations made by the Commission;

(c) whether the Government have accepted these recommendations;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL (SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY)

(a)to(e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.330 TC ANSWERED ON 14.08.2001 TABLED BY SHRI HARIBHAU SHANKAR MAHALE, MP AND SHRI RAM MOHAN GADI REGARDING REPORT OF EXPENDITURE REFORMS COMMISSION

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. The Expenditure Reforms Commission (ERC) submitted its 6th Report to the Hon`ble Finance Minister on 7.6.2001 concerning rationalisation of the functions, activities and structure of the Ministry of Steel (Part-I). The ERC has made recommendations which include:

1. Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs)/Government managed companies under the Ministry of Steel

For eight out of twelve PSUs and one Government managed company, scope for disinvestment/privatisation/closure should be examined with a definite time frame.

2. Ministry of Steel

To examine the possibility to reduce Group `C` & `D` employees and introduction of Desk Officer system.

3. Office of Development Commissioner for Iron & Steel (DCI&S)/Joint Plant Committee (JPC).

To wind up total operations of DCI&S in two months and JPC in three months time.

(c)to(e): The ERC report was received in the Ministry of Steel in the first week of July, 2001. The Ministry of Steel has initiated examination of the recommendations of the ERC as contained in its 6th Report for further action as appropriate.